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HE'S THE ABSOLUTE BEST ...

...THE BEST THERE IS! AN' WHEN I GROW UP...

...I'M GONNA BE JUST LIKE HIM! HE'S JUST *TOO MUCH!*

NOW, CLASS ...

I HOPE EVERYONE IS EXCITED ABOUT TOMORROW'S SPECIAL FIELD TRIP TO THE INTERNATIONAL ANTI-TERRORISM CONFERENCE--

--SECURITY IS VERY TIGHT THIS YEAR BECAUSE THE *SUPERCRUISER* WILL BE ON EXHIBIT. IT'S ONLY THROUGH TOO MUCH'S *SPECIAL CONNECTION* WITH CHUCK NORRIS THAT *WE* MAY ATTEND!

MISS REYNOLDS, WHAT DOES *CHUCK NORRIS* HAVE TO DO WITH THE *SUPERCRUISER*? AND WHAT EXACTLY *IS* THE *SUPERCRUISER*?

WELL, ACCORDING TO TOO MUCH, THE GOVERNMENT HIRED CHUCK AS A CONSULTANT...

...TO HELP DEVELOP AN ANTI-TERRORISM VEHICLE, KNOWN AS THE "SUPERCRUISER." IF YOU LOOK AT THIS PICTURE OF IT...

CHUCK NORRIS IS ONE OF THE BEST FIGHTERS THERE IS... BEST IN THE WORLD!

AND HE'S NOT AFRAID...

...OF ANYTHING! NOT EVEN THE SUPER NINJA!

AND THAT GUY IS BAA--AAAAD!

I HATE YOU, CHUCK NORRIS! I HATE YOU, HATE YOU, HATE YOU!!

AND SOME DAY I AND MY MASTERS IN THE CULT OF THE *KLAW* WILL DESTROY YOU AND ALL OF YOUR FRIENDS-- THE KARATE KOMMANDOS!

NO, YOU WON'T. ANYWAY, WE'RE NOT AFRAID OF YOU!

WHAT--? WHO ARE YOU?!

I'M CALLED *TOO MUCH*... BUT FOR YOU I'M JUST TOO BAD! SEE, I THINK YOU'RE JUST A BIG BRAGGER...

...I THINK I CAN TAKE CARE OF YOU MYSELF--

--WITHOUT EVEN BOTHERING *CHUCK NORRIS*!

AND I'M GONNA DO IT--

--WITH THESE.

WHAT? WHAT ARE THOSE?

THEY'RE CALLED NUNCHAKUS, AND CHUCK NORRIS HIMSELF TAUGHT ME HOW TO USE THEM...

...SO I'M PRETTY GOOD. BETTER NOT GET TOO CLOSE...

UNLESS YOU WANT TO LOSE!

WHAT? WHY, YOU BRAT! I'LL --

BAP!

I GOT HIM! TOO--

--MUCH!!

WHA- HUNH?! WHO CALLED ME?!

HA HA HA HEE HEE HEE

HEY! WHAT'S EVERYONE LAUGHING ABOUT?

HA HA

PERHAPS IF YOU'D PAY ATTENTION, YOU MIGHT FIND OUT.

I MUST TELL YOU, TOO MUCH, THAT WHEN I FIRST MET CHUCK NORRIS AT THE PARENT-TEACHERS CONFERENCE, HE TOLD ME THAT YOUR SCHOOLWORK WAS MUCH MORE IMPORTANT THAN YOUR BELONGING TO THE KARATE KOMMANDOS.

I'D HATE TO HAVE TO TELL CHUCK THAT YOU HAVE TROUBLE PAYING ATTENTION IN CLASS.

OH, NO, MISS REYNOLDS! I REALLY *WILL* PAY ATTENTION! NOW WHAT WERE YOU SAYING?

WHERE WAS I? AH, YES...

NOW REMEMBER, WHAT MAKES THIS CRUISER SO REMARKABLE IS THAT IT IS SO COMPLETELY ORDINARY IN APPEARANCE. THOSE USING IT CAN PASS AS AVERAGE HOLIDAY-MAKERS AND VACATIONERS.

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--IN MUCH THE SAME WAY THAT THE SIMPLE EXTERIOR OF THE SUPER CRUISER...

...CONCEALS ALL OF ITS MARVELOUS GADGETS.

HEY! TOO MUCH!

YEAH, TOMMY?

DID YOU BRING IT?

YOU BET. ONE COLOR PORTRAIT OF CHUCK NORRIS, AS REQUESTED!

OH, MAN! THIS IS BEAUTIFUL!

HEY... YOU READ THE BOOK YET?

NAH... I FIGURE IF SHE DOESN'T CALL ON ME TODAY, I'LL BE SAFE, 'CAUSE THE FIELD TRIP'S TOMORROW, SO I'LL READ IT OVER THE WEEKEND.

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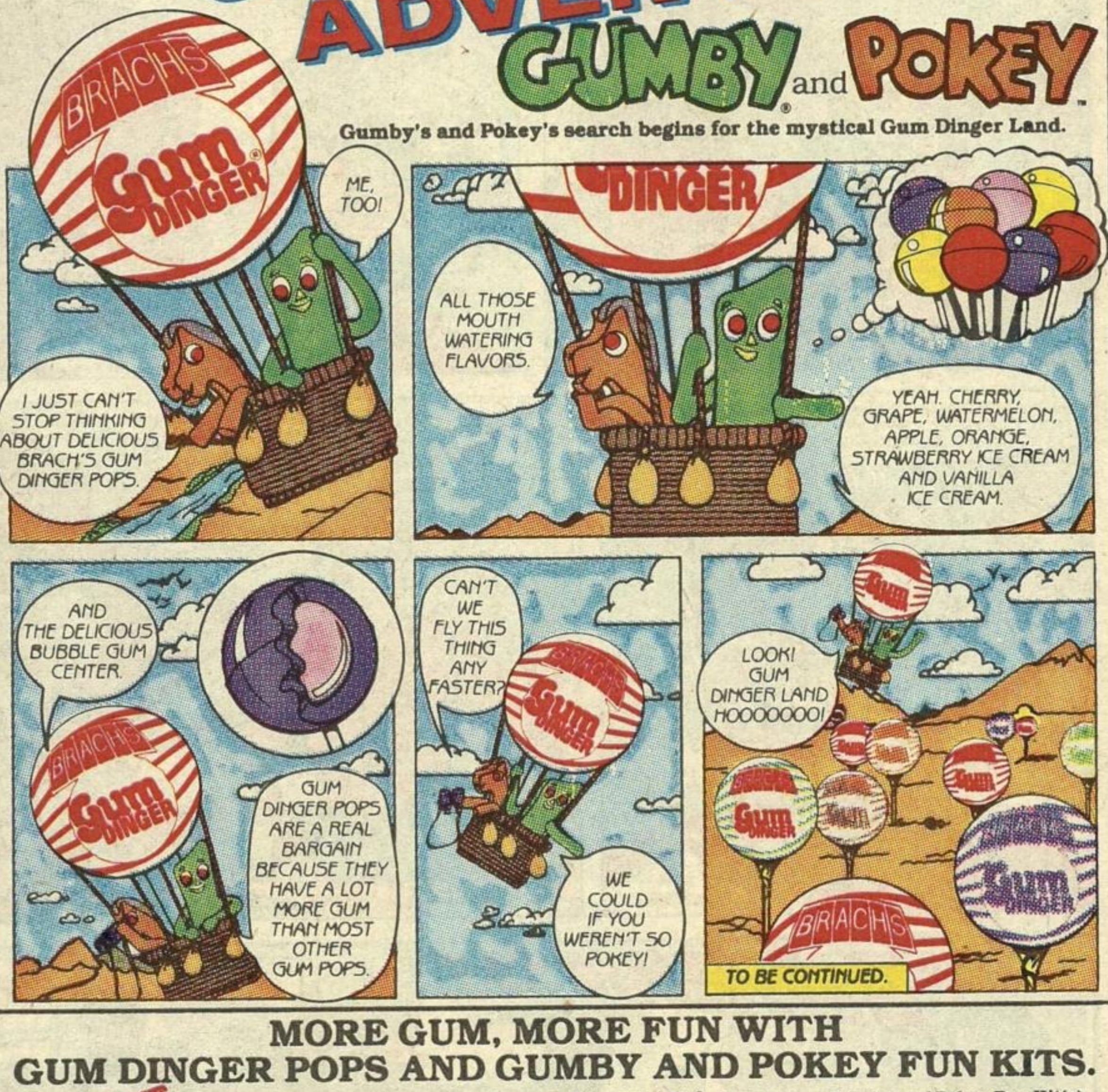
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YOU FIRST, TOO MUCH.

M-ME, MA'AM?

YOU.

NOW, MA'AM?

NOW. PLEASE COME TO THE FRONT OF THE CLASSROOM, WHERE EVERYONE CAN SEE AND HEAR YOU.

=U-ULP=

I'M DOOMED!

NOTHING CAN SAVE ME!

WHY CAN'T THE CEILING FALL IN ON ME?

OR THE FLOOR DROP OUT FROM UNDER ME?

OR ELSE...

BAMMO!

DON'T ANYBODY MOVE!

YOU ARE ALL THE PRISONERS OF THE *CULT OF THE KLAW!!*

BUT, THESE ARE INNOCENT CHILDREN!

YOU CAN'T--!

WE CAN, AND WE HAVE!!

RESISTANCE IS FUTILE! YOU ARE SURROUNDED! OUR GUARDS COVER EVERY ENTRANCE AND EXIT FROM THIS ROOM.

WEAPONS ARE TRAINED UPON ALL OF YOU! ANY-ONE ATTEMPTING TO RESIST US OR ESCAPE WILL BE SHOT!

THEN, WE WON'T RESIST!

FOR NOW!

THIS IS *NINJA* ONE, CALLING!

HEY... WHO'S HE TRYING TO CONTACT?

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AT THE CULT OF THE KLAW'S SECRET HEADQUARTERS...

WHAT'S SO SPECIAL ABOUT THIS BOY, MASTER?

THERE IS NOTHING SPECIAL ABOUT HIM-- "TOO MUCH" IS HIS NAME--EXCEPT THAT HE'S THE YOUNGEST MEMBER OF THOSE MEDDLING KARATE KOMMANDOS.

PPPPRRRRRRRR

IN EXCHANGE FOR THE SAFETY OF THE SCHOOL CHILDREN-- ESPECIALLY WHEN ONE OF THEM IS A KARATE KOMMANDO-- I'M CERTAIN THE GOVERNMENT WILL TURN THE SUPER-CRUISER OVER TO MY NINJAS!

AND ONCE WE HAVE IT, WE CAN USE ITS WEAPONRY TO DESTROY OUR MOST HATED ENEMY...

...YOUR OLD FRIEND-- CHUCK NORRIS!

REOW!

ATTENTION, NINJA ONE! WE'LL CONTACT THE GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES!

IF THEY WON'T GIVE US THE SUPERCRUISER...

...THEN YOUR ORDERS ARE TO MAKE SURE THAT THERE WON'T BE TOO MUCH LEFT OF TOO MUCH! CONFIRM!

UNDERSTOOD, SUPER NINJA. OVER AND OUT!

I'M NOT WORRIED.

CHUCK'LL THINK OF SOMETHING...

...I HOPE.

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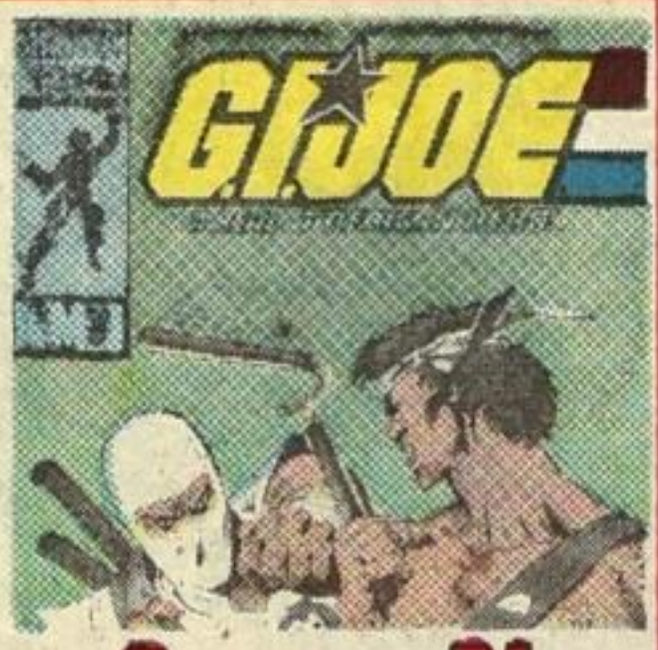

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ALMOST DOES NOT MATTER, REED! IN SWORDSMANSHIP, IT IS THE ACCOMPLISHMENT THAT COUNTS!

WOULD EITHER OF YOU TWO LIKE ME TO FIX YOU SOME FOOD?

PERHAPS LATER, TABE.

THEN... I SHALL HAVE TO ENJOY THIS LIGHT, DELICIOUS SNACK ALONE.

OOPS...

IT ROLLED UNDER THE REFRIG-ERATOR...

BUT... THAT DOESN'T MATTER...

...IT'S PROBABLY TIME WE CLEANED DOWN HERE ANY-WAY.

NOW, ISN'T THIS INTERESTING! THERE'S AN OLD INDIAN HEAD NICKEL UNDER HERE...

AND THAT EARRING PEPPER LOST LAST YEAR...

...AND A POPSICLE STICK...

LET'S GO-- I JUST GOT A CALL-- TOO MUCH IS IN *DANGER!*

DANGER? TOO MUCH? HOW?

THE *CULT* OF THE *KLAW* HAS TAKEN HIM AND HIS SCHOOLMATES HOSTAGE. SINCE WE'RE ALREADY NEARBY, AND SINCE IT'S ONE OF *US* WHO'S IN TROUBLE, THE AUTHORITIES ARE WILLING TO LET *US* HAVE THE FIRST TRY AT RESOLVING THIS.

BUT HOW?

THE CULT OF THE KLAW WANTS THE SUPERCRUISER AND THE CULT'S THREATENING TO KILL THE HOSTAGES IF THE GOVERNMENT DOESN'T COOPERATE! THE CULT'S COUNTING ON US AS *KARATE KOMMANDOS* TO PRESSURE THE GOVERNMENT TO TRADE THE SUPERCRUISER FOR THE KIDS' LIVES. THE CULT'S PLOY IS WORKING. THE GOVERNMENT'S WILLING TO GIVE *US* THE SUPERCRUISER TO USE AS BAIT TO FREE THE HOSTAGES AND TRAP THE CULT.

ARE WE GOING TO HAND THE SUPERCRUISER OVER TO THEM?

OF COURSE. AND MAKE OUR MOVE WHEN WE DO.

OF COURSE!

GRRRR

...WHILE, BACK AT THE SCHOOL.

THE WEAKLINGS! THEY'VE YIELDED AS PREDICTED!

OF COURSE!

YOU TURKEYS WON'T GET AWAY WITH THIS!

WE ALREADY HAVE. NOW, SHUT UP!

LEAVE HIM ALONE!

OW!

HERE COMES THE CRUISER! IT'S PULLING INTO THE SCHOOL DRIVEWAY NOW!

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THEN, VICTORY IS INDEED OURS!!

RATS!

YOU TWO! GO OUTSIDE, AND GET RID OF WHOMEVER IS DRIVING IT, THEN PULL IT AROUND AS CLOSE TO THIS ROOM AS IT CAN GET.

WE'LL COVER YOU!

YES, SIR!!

YOU THERE! GIRL! GET OUT OF THE TRUCK!

B-BUT... YOU HAVE GUNS. YOU A-AREN'T GOING TO HURT ME... ARE YOU?

WE *WILL* IF YOU DON'T MOVE, AND FAST!

THIS IS WASTING TIME! THROW HER OUT ONTO THE STREET AND LET'S GO!

RIGHT!

WRONG!

WHAT IN--?

RRRRRR!

ATTABOY, WOLF! SIC 'EM!!

WHAT IS IT?

SHE'S GOT SOME KINDA MONSTER IN THERE!

CHUCK'S PET IS THE LEAST OF YOUR WORRIES!

YOU SEE, I'M ONE OF THE KARATE KOMMANDOS, TOO!

SORRY, FELLA. I MAY NOT KNOW AS MUCH ABOUT FIGHTING AS MY TWIN, REED...

WHY, YOU--!

...BUT I KNOW MORE THAN ENOUGH TO HANDLE YOU AND THAT LITTLE TOY OF YOURS!

WAK!

WHAT DOES THAT IDIOT GIRL THINK SHE'S DOING?

HE'S GONNA SHOOT PEPPER... AN' I CAN'T REACH HIM IN TIME...

BUT I *CAN* USE AN ERASER...

...TO MAKE A LITTLE DIVERSION!

KAF-KOFF!

BAPPO!

YOU LITTLE MONSTER! I'LL KILL YOU NOW!

NOT IF I HIDE FIRST, UGLY!

HEY, YOU!!

--WHA?

WHY DON'T YOU PICK ON SOMEONE YOUR OWN SIZE?

IT'S HIM... IT'S REALLY HIM!

WE'RE DOOMED!

IT'S HIM! IT'S REALLY HIM!

IT'S CHUCK NORRIS!

TOO *MUCH*! I KNEW YOU'D SAVE US!

YOU HAVEN'T HURT ANYONE YET...

...WHY DON'T YOU QUIT WHILE YOU'RE AHEAD?

HIS BACK IS TURNED! SHOOT HIM, NOW!

I'M NOT GONNA SHOOT HIM.

THAT'S *CHUCK NORRIS*. ONE BULLET WON'T STOP HIM, AND AND HE'S SO FAST WE WON'T HAVE TIME TO SHOOT *TWO*!

WEREN'T YOU LISTENING? THE MAN IS OFFERING YOU A CHANCE TO SURRENDER!

SOUNDED LIKE GOOD ADVICE TO ME!

WE'LL *NEVER* SURRENDER! WE ARE THE CULT OF THE KLAW! WE ARE INVINCIBLE!!

FINE. BUT WE'LL HAVE THIS OUT AMONG OURSELVES.

AND THE HOSTAGES WILL LEAVE RIGHT NOW!

OH, THANK YOU, MR. NORRIS.

DON'T MENTION IT, MISS REYNOLDS. JUST PLEASE HURRY.

THEY ARE GOING NO PLACE!!

OH, NO!

HASN'T ANYONE EVER TAUGHT YOU--

--THAT IT'S NOT POLITE TO POINT? ESPECIALLY WITH A GUN?

AGH-- IT'S A SUMO WRESTLER!

AHH...THE RICOCHET COMBINATION SHOT... MY FAVORITE!

:OOOF:

GOING MY WAY, BOYS?

OR SHALL MY KATANA TASTE YOUR BLOOD, INSTEAD?!

THEY ARE BUT A FEW, AND WE ARE MANY! *ATTACK!*

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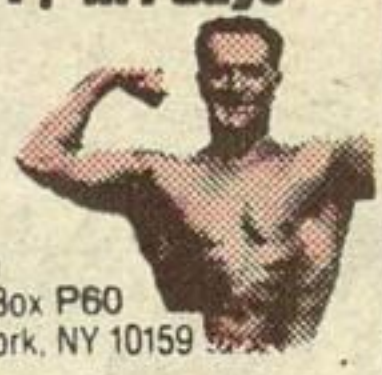

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OH, MY GOOD-NESS!!

TOO MUCH, I WAS WORRIED ABOUT YOU.

WHY DIDN'T YOU FOLLOW THE REST OF...?

DON'T MOVE!

OH, NO!

CHUCK NORRIS! ALL OF YOU! STOP YOUR FIGHTING AT ONCE OR THIS WOMAN DIES!

AW, NO!

OK KOMMANDOS, YOU HEARD THE MAN. STOP FIGHTING.

LET HER GO SHE'S DONE YOU NO HARM.

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PATHETIC. YOU THINK I WOULD FALL FOR THAT ANCIENT TRICK?

I LOOK DOWN AND *YOU* SUCKER PUNCH ME? I WAS NOT BORN YESTERDAY! NO, MR. NORRIS--

AGH!

BLAM!

=UGNK=

THIS CHUCK NORRIS...

... HE IS FORMIDABLE!

FLEE!

BULLPEN BULLETINS

Look Ma, National TV!

Stan Lee and I appeared on ABC's **20/20** a few weeks ago, talking about Marvel's twenty-fifth anniversary. Thanks to producer Joe Pfefferling, interviewer Bob Brown, and the whole **20/20** team, the segment was a magnificent tribute to Marvel. **However**...

While we were very pleased with everything that was broadcast, we were **very** disappointed about what was left out—specifically **every single mention** we made of Jack Kirby, Steve Ditko and the other great artists who co-created with Stan many of Marvel's greatest characters. We believe in giving credit where credit is due—and we **did**—but to no avail.

You don't have much control in interview situations like that. First of all, you discuss primarily what the **interviewer** wants, and second, they typically film **several hours** of conversation which they edit down into a few **minutes**. You have no say over what makes it onto the air and what doesn't.

So, anyway, though we were basically delighted to see Marvel's twenty-fifth getting such great major media coverage, we wish it had come out a **little** differently.

We wanted you to know.

Next Month...

Some further thoughts on the media, responsibility, morality, and the kinds of things you can learn from reading comics.

Strive on,

Jim Shooter
Editor in Chief

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TOO MUCH?

EVERY-ONE'S FINE, PEPPER...

...AND YOU WERE TERRIFIC! YOU AND WOLF BOTH!

THOSE LAST FEW NINJAS WON'T GET VERY FAR, CHUCK. THE POLICE WERE ARRIVING AS I CAME INSIDE.

BUT... WHAT IS TO KEEP OUR ENEMIES FROM FLEEING IN THE SUPER-CRUISER?

I ACTIVATED THE ANTI-THEFT DEVICE! AND THE ONLY OTHER VEHICLE OUT THERE IS THAT THING THAT LOOKS LIKE A SCHOOL BUS. I CHECKED IT OUT, AND IT'S REALLY ONE OF THE CLILT'S OWN TRANSPORTS.

SO... I DID A LITTLE WORK ON THEIR ENGINE FOR THEM.

IT WON'T BE GOING ANYWHERE NOW.

GOOD WORK!

THE ONLY THING I REGRET ABOUT ALL THIS IS...

...THIS BOOK'S HAVING BEEN SHOT UP.

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YOU'RE SORRY BECAUSE IT'S SCHOOL PROPERTY?

PARTLY, KIMO...

...BUT ESPECIALLY BECAUSE IT'S A GOOD BOOK.

OH, YES. THE CHILDREN'S STORY IS A FINE FABLE.

LOOK... IT REALLY IS CHUCK NORRIS... AND THE KARATE KOMMANDOS...

...AND TOO MUCH IS ONE OF THEM!

TAKE YOUR HAT OFF UNTIL AFTER SCHOOL, TOO MUCH.

UH... SURE, CHUCK.

YOU NEVER TOLD ME YOUR CLASS WAS STUDYING THIS BOOK.

I'D BE INTERESTED IN HEARING WHAT YOU GOT OUT OF IT.

OH, YEAH, SURE, I...

MISS REYNOLDS, MY FRIENDS HAVE RECOMMENDED THIS NOVEL SO HIGHLY...

MAY I BORROW IT OVERNIGHT, SO THAT I MAY READ IT?

IT WILL BE THE SCHOOL BOARD'S PLEASURE!

HEY, NEAT. WE COULD ALL TALK ABOUT THE STORY TONIGHT AT HOME!

SURE, HAVE A FAMILY DISCUSSION, AFTER DINNER.

HOW ABOUT IT, TOO MUCH?

AFTER DINNER? OH, OH, SURE...

TOMMY... I DON'T THINK I'LL BE ABLE TO PLAY WITH YOU...

...UNTIL TOMORROW AFTERNOON!

IMPORTANT STUFF'S GOTTA COME FIRST!

HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA

NEXT MARGIE!

★ STAR SIGNALS ★

I'M A TRAVELIN' MAN!

★★★★★ Every year, groups of dedicated comic book fans gather together at special conventions across the country to celebrate the joy of reading and collecting comic books. Since this year is the *25th Anniversary of Marvel Comics*, Stan *"the Man"* Lee (he's the guy who started it all), Jim *"Trouble"* Shooter (the editor in chief of **Marvel Comics**), *"Amiable"* Archie Goodwin (he runs **Epic Comics**), Sid *"The Kid"* Jacobson (you haven't been reading this column regularly if you don't know who he is by now) and I decided to celebrate this momentous occasion at a few of the very biggest comic conventions.

In the past few weeks, I've been to Chicago (*loved the pizza!*), Atlanta (*loved the people!*), and San Diego (*loved the beach!*). **Marvel Comics** held a special anniversary/birthday party at each of these conventions. There was plenty of food, music and dancing till dawn! Of course, the highlight of each party was when our official party hostess, *"Lovable"* Lynn Cohen (who usually runs the editorial administration center whenever she's not busy convention-hopping), wheeled in the giant birthday cake. Talk about a sight to remember! Large enough to feed thousands, it would always have twenty-five blazing candles and a big icing image of a certain familiar web-swinger! (Nope, it wasn't **Peter Porker**. His turn will come in twenty-three and a half years when **Star** celebrates its anniversary.)

A fine time was had by all! I wish you could have been there!

C'MON DOWN!

★★★★★ Have you ever been to a comic book convention? They're actually a lot of fun. There's one being held on almost every weekend of the year in some part of the country. You can usually find out about local conventions by asking at your favorite neighborhood comic book shop. Conventions also advertise in **Marvel** and **Star Comics**, and on television.

I always recommend that you travel with a group of your friends. You'll have a lot more fun if you have someone to share it with.

Conventions are a great place to find old comics that you're missing from your collections. Old comics can sometimes be pretty expensive, but you can find bargains if you hunt hard enough.

You'll also get a chance to see tons of original artwork, to learn what's coming up in your favorite comic books, and to meet your favorite comic book professionals face to face.

That's the best part as far as I'm concerned. You and I finally get a chance to meet each other, to shake hands, and to ask each other questions. It's great! You can make some very special friends at a comic book convention.

If you ever do go to a convention that I'm attending, please stop by and say hello. I'd really like to meet you.

Thanks for being there.

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